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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
IDENTIFYING CONTAINERS
FROM WHICH MATERIAL IS
COLLECTED AND LOADED ONTO
A HAULAGE VEHICLE (As
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RULE 312 AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 312(a), applicant requests that the following amendment to the claims be made without withdrawing the case from issue. In keeping with Rule 312(a), the issue fee is being paid with this amendment.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the original abstract and replace it with the following new abstract:

--ABSTRACT

A haulage vehicle is described that includes a mechanism for loading material from a container into the haulage vehicle while the vehicle remains stationary. A sensor mounted to the vehicle retrieves from the container a machine-readable code when the material from the container is collected by ~~into~~ the vehicle. An electronic processor collects the code retrieved by the sensor, time stamps the code and compiles a historical record identifying the container and a time when the material from it was collected. Preferably, the vehicle includes a

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